

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 7.10 million pounds in 2003, up 3.10 million pounds from the small 2002 crop. Prices averaged 32.7 cents per pound, up 0.9 cents from 2002. The value of utilized production totaled \$2.32 million, up from the \$1.27 million in 2002. The larger apple crop resulted from good growing conditions, plentiful rain and absence of a late spring freeze. Producers continue to remove old trees in operating orchards while old orchards continue to go out of business. Some producers planted new trees to replace older trees.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2003 was estimated at 8.52 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the 2002 level. Utilized production for Michigan and New York increased 63 percent and 56 percent respectively, while Washington's utilized production decreased 12 percent compared to the 2002 crop. In Washington, poor weather during pollination led to spotty bloom in some orchards. In Michigan and New

York, excellent growing conditions allowed production to rebound from the short 2002 crop. Improved growing conditions in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia increased utilized production from the 2002 weather reduced crops.

Kentucky's utilized peach production totaled 1.80 million pounds in 2003, up from the 2002 crop. Prices averaged 55.7 cents per pound, up 1.2 cents from 2002 but below the record high 62.3 cents per pound of 1996. Value of all utilized 2003 production totaled \$1.00 million compared to \$654,000 in 2002. Good growing conditions combined with plentiful soil moisture and absence of a late freeze produced a good peach crop.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2003 was estimated at 2.41 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year but 4 percent above 2001. The California crop, accounting for 76 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, was down 2 percent from 2002.

KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1994 - 2003

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000)
1994	5.8	23.0	0.7	200.00	6.5	21.6	1,404
1995	8.7	27.8	1.4	224.00	10.1	25.5	2,576
1996	8.5	32.4	1.1	510.00	9.6	31.6	3,035
1997	4.9	27.0	0.9	420.00	5.8	26.1	1,512
1998	9.0	28.4	0.0	0.00	9.0	28.4	2,556
1999	6.6	30.5	0.4	188.00	7.0	29.3	2,051
2000	4.9	27.3	0.7	166.00	5.6	24.9	1,396
2001	6.5	30.5	0.5	188.00	7.0	29.0	2,030
2002	3.8	33.0	0.2	180.00	4.0	31.8	1,272
2003	7.0	33.0	0.1	240.00	7.1	32.7	2,322

KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1994 - 2003

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000)
1994	1/	1/	-	-	1/	1/	1/
1995	3.9	32.2	-	-	3.9	32.2	1,256
1996	0.4	62.3	-	-	0.4	62.3	249
1997	0.5	30.0	-	-	0.5	30.0	150
1998	1.5	37.5	-	-	1.5	37.5	563
1999	1.7	43.0	-	-	1.7	43.0	731
2000	1.1	34.6	-	-	1.1	34.6	381
2001	1.8	48.7	-	-	1.8	48.7	877
2002	1.2	54.5	-	-	1.2	54.5	654
2003	1.8	55.7	-	-	1.8	55.7	1,003

1/No significant commercial production due to freeze.